


RESOURCE GUIDE

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Automated Enforcement	<i>An enforcement technique that uses technology to enforce laws in the absence of law enforcement officials.</i>
Countermeasure	<i>An action or device designed to prevent an undesirable outcome.</i>
Crash	<i>An unintended event that causes death, injury, or property damage, and involves at least one motor vehicle on a roadway.</i>
Crash Severity: No Injury	<i>No one involved in the crash has any apparent injury. If a party is transported and is subsequently examined and found to have no injuries, that party would be classified as No Injury.</i>
Crash Severity: Complaint of Injury	<i>A complaint of injury is any injury reported or claimed which is not a fatal, incapacitating, or non-incapacitating evident injury. Examples include a claim of injury, complaint of pain, limping, and nausea or hysteria.</i>
Crash Severity: Evident Non-Incapacitating Injury	<i>This type of injury is evident to observers at the scene, but is not a fatal or incapacitating injury. Examples include bruises, lumps, and lacerations. Injuries that cannot be seen, such as limping or complaints of pain, are classified as possible injury.</i>
Crash Severity: Evident Incapacitating Injury	<i>Any injury (other than a fatal injury) that prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities the person was capable of performing before the injury is an incapacitating injury. Examples include severe lacerations, broken limbs, and skull, chest, or abdominal injuries. Momentary unconsciousness is not included.</i>
Crash Severity: Fatal	<i>For the purposes of the crash report, a fatal injury is any injury that results in death within thirty days of the crash.</i>
Data-Driven	<i>Informed by a systematic review and analysis of quality data sources when making decisions related to planning, target establishment, resource allocation and implementation.</i>
Distracted Driving	<i>Any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. Includes activities such as texting or talking on a cell phone while driving.</i>
Emphasis Area	<i>A focused topic category determined through crash data analysis and input from safety stakeholders.</i>
Goal	<i>A goal is the more specific aim that organizations pursue to reach their visions and missions. Goals are typically supported by one or more objectives.</i>
High Crash Location	<i>Highway or road segments that are susceptible to an inordinate number of crashes, often the result of poor road design, absence of appropriate traffic signing or signals, or lack of enforcement. Identification of high crash locations are a desirable part of the problem identification process.</i>

High-Risk Behaviors	<i>Behaviors exhibited while traveling on a roadway that increase the risk of crashes or reduces the survivability of crashes such as: aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving, driving without a seatbelt, or operating a motorcycle or riding on a motorcycle without wearing a helmet.</i>
High-Risk Rural Roads	<i>Colorado defines high-risk rural roads as any roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector or a rural road with significant safety risk. Significant safety risk is defined by two metrics: 1) Roadways with a higher total or severe (injury and fatal) crash frequency than expected as compared to other similar rural undivided roadways statewide and 2) Roadways with an overrepresented crash pattern as determined through a diagnostic or systemic analysis. These patterns may relate to crash type, severity, roadway or environmental conditions, weather conditions or driver behavior.</i>
Micro-Mobility	<i>A category of modes of transport that includes light vehicles such as bicycles, electric scooters, electric pedal-assist bicycles and electric skateboards among other vehicles</i>
Minor Crash	<i>A crash that resulted in one of the following three outcomes: no injury, possible injury, or evident, non-incapacitating injury.</i>
Mission	<i>A mission statement conveys the purpose of a plan and what an entity does to achieve its' vision. It is typically supported by one or more goals.</i>
Mode	<i>The means by which passengers achieve mobility within a transportation system.</i>
Motorcycle	<i>A motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.</i>
Objective	<i>Objectives are the smaller supporting elements that lead to the accomplishment of the goals.</i>
Occupant Protection	<i>A category of traffic injury control tools for occupants of vehicles that includes seat belts, child seats and automatic occupant protection systems (e.g. air bags).</i>
Older Driver	<i>A driver aged 70 and older.</i>
Passenger	<i>Any occupant of a motor vehicle who is not a driver.</i>
Pedestrian	<i>Any person not in or upon a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or bicycle, but includes persons on personal conveyance devices, such as skateboards or wheelchairs.</i>
Programmatic	<i>Activities related to the administration and governance of safety programs involving public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other safety stakeholders.</i>
Restraint	<i>A device such as a seatbelt, shoulder belt, booster seat, or child seat used to hold the occupant of a motor vehicle in the seat at all times while the vehicle is in motion.</i>
Rural	<i>All areas of the state not falling within an urbanized area (of 50,000 or more people) or an urban cluster (at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people) as defined by the U.S. Census.</i>
Safe Routes to School	<i>A program that promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools, safety education, and incentives to encourage walking and bicycling to school.</i>

Safety Circuit Rider	<i>A CDOT initiative that provides specific safety related training and works hand in hand (boots on the ground) with counties to identify, diagnose and treat safety deficiencies on the local road system.</i>
Serious Injury	<i>Identical to “Crash severity: Evident incapacitating injury” defined above.</i>
Severe Crash	<i>A crash resulting in an evident incapacitating injury or fatality.</i>
Severe Crash Mitigation	<i>Infrastructure improvements intended to lessen the severity of crashes or the number of severe crashes at targeted locations with an identified safety issue.</i>
Speeding	<i>When a driver travels above the posted speed limit or too fast for the prevailing conditions which may include poor weather or poor visibility.</i>
Strategy	<i>The activities, actions, projects, etc., that are implemented to achieve goals and objectives.</i>
Transportation	<i>Multimodal travel that occurs on roadways. Specifically: rail, water, and air travel are excluded from the STSP unless they involve a roadway (i.e., an at-grade rail crossing).</i>
Urban	<i>All areas of the state that fall within an urbanized area (of 50,000 or more people) or an urban cluster (at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people) as defined by the U.S. Census.</i>
Vision	<i>A vision statement conveys the hopes for an ideal future. It focuses on tomorrow and what an entity wants to ultimately become or achieve.</i>
Vision Zero	<i>A global initiative started in Sweden with a goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Integral to the strategy is the recognition that people make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure those inevitable mistakes do not result in serious injuries or fatalities.</i>
Vulnerable Roadway Users	<i>Young and older drivers; Non-motorized road users such as pedestrians and cyclists; motorcyclists; persons with disabilities or reduced mobility and orientation; and work zone staff.</i>
Whole System Whole Safety	<i>A CDOT initiative that heightens safety awareness by taking a systematic statewide approach to safety – combining the benefits of CDOT programs that address driving behaviors, the CDOT built environment and CDOT operations. The goal: Improve the safety of Colorado’s transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes, and improving safety conditions for those traveling by all modes. The program has one simple mission – to get everyone home safely.</i>
Work Zone	<i>Any activity involving construction, maintenance, or utility work on or in the immediate vicinity of a public roadway. A work zone may be active (workers present) or inactive.</i>
Young Driver	<i>A driver aged 15-25.</i>

AASHTO	<i>American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials</i>
CDOR	<i>Colorado Department of Revenue</i>
CDOT	<i>Colorado Department of Transportation</i>
CDPHE	<i>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</i>
CMF	<i>Crash Modification Factor</i>
CSP	<i>Colorado State Patrol</i>
DRCOG	<i>Denver Regional Council of Governments</i>
DUI	<i>Driving Under the Influence</i>
FARS	<i>Fatality Analysis Reporting System – The nationwide census providing public yearly data regarding fatal injuries suffered in motor vehicle traffic crashes, as published by NHTSA</i>
FAST	<i>Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act of 2015</i>
FHWA	<i>Federal Highway Administration</i>
GDL	<i>Graduated Driver Licensing</i>
HSIP	<i>Highway Safety Improvement Program</i>
IIHS	<i>Insurance Institute for Highway Safety</i>
ITS	<i>Intelligent Transportation System</i>
MPO	<i>Metropolitan Planning Organization</i>
NHTSA	<i>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</i>
OTS	<i>Office of Transportation Safety</i>
PDO	<i>Property Damage Only</i>
RVZ	<i>Regional Vision Zero</i>
SHSP	<i>Strategic Highway Safety Plan</i>
STIP	<i>Statewide Transportation Improvement Program</i>
STRAC	<i>Statewide Traffic Records Advisory Committee</i>
STSP	<i>2020-2023 Colorado Strategic Transportation Safety Plan</i>
THC	<i>Tetrahydrocannabinol, the active mood altering chemical found in marijuana.</i>

TIP *Transportation Improvement Program(s) - developed at the Transportation Planning Region and Metropolitan Planning Organization level*

TPR *Transportation Planning Region*

TZD *Toward Zero Deaths*

VMT *Vehicle Miles Traveled*

Implementation Plan Details

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